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## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK



In this month's Bulletin you will find an author, title, and subject index for the year 1981. This project was largely the result of the work of Jan Sieburth, reference librarian at URI. In responding to the questionnaire sent out in the July/August 1981 issue concerning possible Bulletin changes, Jan suggested that an annual index would be a useful feature. She then made the "fatal step" of adding that she would be glad to help work on the index. As a result, a few months later she received a call from the Bulletin editor asking her if she really wanted to help with the index, and if so, could she prepare the subject index in two weeks? With only the slightest hint of astonishment in her voice, Jan bravely promised to do her best to deliver the goods. Deliver them she did, ahead of schedule, thus proving once again the old maxim: "If you want something done, ask a busy person."

Believing that you should get as much mileage as possible from old maxims, I pushed my luck a little further by asking some other busy people to write reports of the various programs at the annual RILA Conference. Many thanks to our reporters for providing us with succinct, accurate accounts of the conference, with only the slightest amount of arm-twisting being needed to persuade them.

Finally, included in this issue are a brief statistical breakdown of the July/August Bulletin survey and some of the "meatier" comments made by the respondents. The RILA Executive Board members have had the statistics and comments presented to them by the Bulletin Editor, along with the Editor's own personal recommendation that the Bulletin become a quarterly with monthly newsletter supplements.

As might be imagined, a great deal of discussion has been generated about the Bulletin among the members of the Executive Board during the last few months. I think that I would be accurately reporting the responses of the majority of the board members by saying that for the most part, they are not in favor of changing the Bulletin to a quarterly. Also, though they found the responses to the questionnaire interesting, most felt that a return of only fifty responses was not representative of a membership in excess of 500 members. Several board members commented that in their experience, a small response to a questionnaire usually means that people are satisfied on the whole with the state of affairs, and they felt this was true with most RILA members concerning the Bulletin.

The Editor's primary reasons for urging the publication of a quarterly are as follows: 1) Selection of articles could be more discriminating since fewer articles would be needed for four issues rather than eleven, and the quality of the publication could be improved, 2) A higher quality quarterly would stand a better chance of being nationally indexed, thus making publication in the Bulletin

more rewarding and prestigious and also more attractive to advertisers, 3) It is nearly impossible for a person who is already working full-time also to be able to work as the editor of a monthly Bulletin. In the past, Bulletin editors have "burned out" at a rather rapid and alarming rate. It seems to me that the publication of the Bulletin as a monthly will only continue to fan these incendiary tendencies in its over-worked editors.

However, board members continue to present other perfectly valid reasons for continuing the Bulletin as a monthly, the primary reason being that, as it is now, the Bulletin is a serviceable publication which seems to satisfy most RILA members. (If lack of response to a questionnaire can be interpreted as satisfaction.)

At this point, the Editor, being wearied with months of discussion on this issue, has asked that the board decide one way or the other. It is hoped that a decision will be made by the new board at the December Executive Board Meeting, and this discussion will be reported to the membership in the next RILA Bulletin.

Debbie Barchi

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Total number of replies: 50

1. Is the type size in the Bulletin easy to read, bearable, or difficult to read? Good or bearable: 49 Difficult: 1
2. Is the line length good, bearable or difficult to read? Good or bearable: 48 Difficult: 2
3. Should the cover art continue to change each month or should there be one standard cover (or table of contents on cover)? Cover art should change: 18 One cover design (or contents): 28
4. Should the Bulletin remain as a monthly or change to a quarterly? Remain as monthly: 16 (9 public, 3 academic, 2 special, 1 state; 1 did not indicate type of library)  
Change to quarterly: 31 (13 public, 6 academic, 2 school, 5 special, 1 trustee, 2 state, 2 library school)  
Other (not committed): 3 (2 public, 1 school)
5. In general, are the articles well written? Yes: 46 No: 4
6. In general, are the articles well researched? Yes: 43 No: 7
7. In general, are the articles useful theoretically? Yes: 34 No: 16
8. In general, are the articles useful practically? Yes: 35 No: 13
9. Is it appropriate and useful to devote an issue to a membership directory? Yes: 32 No: 16
10. Content preferences: "How to" articles: 30; Column with local library news: 36; "Speak Out" column: 36; Index: 2
11. Extent to which Bulletin is read: Cover-to-cover: 15; Skim quickly, then read what interests them: 34; Read only calendar and job listings: 1

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Some comments which were made by respondents to the Bulletin Questionnaire:

(academic) "I would certainly like to see the quality improved but would hate to see it go to a quarterly. It's so easy to pass over a newsletter that comes with the junk mail. I had hoped that the new dues increase would go to the Bulletin, both for the physical production and to pay something to the editor."

(public) "If it remains 11 times a year, it could be reduced to one feature article and other news and jobline."

(academic) "It is abundantly and sadly obvious, even to the most casual observer that we don't have the resources (human and otherwise) to float a good monthly. Let's be realistic and work within the boundaries of what we have. Drop the monthly--go quarterly."

(public) "I like the Bulletin and think all who are working on it are doing a fine job."

(public) "I feel it is important that the RILA Bulletin become more selective and screen articles through a nationally known editorial board. I thoroughly agree with the arguments for a more professional appearance and the importance of being indexed."

(public) "Need more association news. What is executive board doing? Need meeting reports."

(public) "It is my opinion that the Bulletin is first and foremost an informational source for the members of RILA and for the R.I. library community. If we do have four editions with a look toward a more scholarly format, we must at the same time be sure that we have a monthly newsletter with a calendar and job listings. If we can't afford to do both, then I think we should choose the one with the most direct benefit to the membership."

(public) "Use a standard cover when new art is not available; but the changing covers are really attractive and create interest. I need association news, and the Bulletin serves this function."

(public) "We definately need more communication with and about each other. Continuing education is a must and developing good working relations with each other is essential."

(GLS student) "There are already many professional and specialized national library publications. I enjoy the informality and flavor of the current RILA Bulletin."

(special) "There are enough unread professional journals as it is. While the immediacy of a newsletter is appealing, the format is not. Don't strain to be profound; current information is more important to many of us. The current issue has five meaty, informative articles--perhaps too many for a single issue?"

(academic) "I would like to see more R.I. library news. Being in an academic library we know little about the significant developments or just general news about public libraries. We rarely get to see the DSLS newsletter. It would also be good to coordinate and advertise meetings of SLA, NELA, ACRL, etc. Also activities of librarians in the state--who's new? who's publishing? who's on or heading up committees? How about an annual index?"



Coming In Out of the Rain: The Umbrella Committee Report:  
A Conference Report  
by  
Sally Gruzan

--Speakers: Richard Olsen, Director, Adams Library, Rhode Island College; James Giles, Director, Cranston Public Library; Daniel Bergen, Professor, URI Graduate Library School

The Ad Hoc Task Force on Drafting Umbrella Resolution Legislation consisting of Richard Olsen, James Giles, and Dan Bergen, gave a brief history of the Resolution and the work of the Task Force. The reaction to the presentation was primarily negative, and centered around three areas of concern:

- (1) The proposed Board of Commissioners might serve to weaken the current direct link between the head of DSLS and the Governor. Its diverse and already-busy members (few of whom would be librarians) might devote insufficient time and attention to library matters and might be swayed by purely political concerns. The Task Force countered this by suggesting that such a Board would in fact lend authority and credence to library matters, and that it has a working precedent in the Board of Regents.
- (2) While libraries may tout reorganization as a means to consolidate and save money, the legislature and public may visualize a complex bureaucracy and increased spending. The Task Force felt that the current sad state of library and information services would convince these groups that change was not only desirable but a move towards economy. But another group that would need convincing -- those whose jobs would be affected, including that of the Secretary of State -- was not directly consulted about the change. The Task Force pointed out that the Resolution had been publicized and time allotted for response. The overall feeling seemed to be that success would depend on procuring at least one influential sponsor.
- (3) The special nature of archives did not seem to have been fully considered, and might be swallowed up in the purely library function. The Task Force acknowledged the varieties of function, but felt the Resolution to be a pertinent and flexible means of dealing with archives, considering the present poor state of the system.



Pardon Me, Are Your Records Showing?  
A Conference Report  
by  
Michael Vocino, Jr.

--Speakers: Steve Erickson, Attorney; Sharon Plummer, Connecticut IFC Chair; Steve Brown, Director, ACLU; Jon Tryon (moderator), Professor, URI Graduate Library School

This panel discussion centered around the controversial issue of the confidentiality of library records and how that confidentiality and a patron's privacy would be effected the the R.I. Access to Public Records statute. According to Tryon, the law is explicit in requiring open access to all records including those of libraries. He said such a law has a "chilling effect" on the right of those who might wish to read and borrow controversial materials.

Steve Erickson stated that this specific law was developed out of a growing desire to have open government and to promote public understanding of government processes. Before the law, most records of public agencies were privileged. Now, however, all government agencies and their records are available and open to all who wish to see them. The library is a government agency, and although there are 20 exemptions to the law, the library and its records are not among the exempted 20. All other agencies are required by law to disclose records and information when asked to do so.

Teitz pointed out that even if libraries were exempted from state open access laws, the General Assembly would not necessarily exempt libraries from the normal subpoena process. "Records should be available only to judicial bodies such as Grand Juries or the courts, but never to a private inquiry," he said.

The difference between the two is this: on the one extreme, if a library book is found at the scene of a crime, government bodies should be able to subpoena records to identify individuals. On the other hand, no one should have access to records simply to see who is reading books with a certain content or substance. Teitz did say, however, that any amendment to the open access law must reflect that difference. "In certain cases, a privilege (of exemption for libraries) must exist, but not as an absolute," he said.

Tryon, Erickson, Brown, Teitz and Plummer with varying degrees of stress urged librarians concerned with the maintenance of confidentiality of library records to seek an amendment to the open access law to ensure that libraries would be the 21st exemption to the law. Even beyond the 21st exemption struggle, Tryon urged that each individual library have its governing body pass a resolution stating its position on the issue of the confidentiality of library records. "All Rhode Island libraries should have at least that level of protection," he said.





Micro Computers on a Mini Budget:  
A Conference Report  
by  
Judith Plotz

--Speakers: Richard Casabonne, Marketing Manager, UNICOM; Earleen Gamache, Director, Lincoln Public Library; Richard Payette, Reference Librarian, West Warwick Public Library System; Jeffrey Vale, Library Aide, R.I. Department of State Library Services; Jean L. Nash (moderator), Director, West Warwick Public Library System

Enthusiasm was the keynote of all the speakers on this theme. They described some of the current uses of microcomputers in their libraries: circulation control production of a periodical list and community organizations file (Richard Payette), games and self-instruction (Earleen Gamache), patron list and directory of libraries (Jeffrey Vale). The possibilities range from simply speeding up secretarial work to individualized instruction, "Dungeons and Dragons" games, sophisticated simulation for planning, "instantaneous" information transfer, as well as information retrieval. Gamache recommended periodicals to keep up with developments: Creative Computing, Popular Computing, Classroom Computer News, Advanced Technology Libraries, Small Computers in Libraries, Access: Microcomputers in Libraries, and Technicalities. Information will be available more and more through computerized channels, and Gamache says, "Information in any form is our business." John McNiff pointed out the key to the value of the computer in the communication process: it responds to feedback. This makes it a powerful teaching tool in his school media center. Finally, Richard Casabonne of UNICOM recommended doing an indepth needs assessment before buying a computer and the associated software. Plan for educating the people who will be using it. Plan for growth.

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A Malay Proverb

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... for providing the right and the left hands necessary to  
produce a very good noise--The RILA Bulletin.

Debbie Barchi, RILA Bulletin Editor



Limited Access Only? The Handicapped and  
Libraries: A Conference Report  
by  
Sharon Charette

--Speakers: Deborah Barchi, Librarian, Meeting Street School;  
Joan Carlson, Librarian, School for the Deaf;  
Richard LeDuc, Supervisor of Service to the Handi-  
capped, DSLS; Esther Littell, President, Para-  
plegic Association of Rhode Island

Monday morning's program addressed the problems of attitude and access encountered by the handicapped in relation to information services in Rhode Island. Esther Littell presented an enlightening summary of laws relating to handicapped access, as well as some startling statistics about the percentage of handicapped citizens in the state and throughout the country.

A touching perspective of one recently initiated into service for the handicapped was provided by Debbie Barchi. She described her methods of reaching severely handicapped children through interactive storytelling. Ms. Barchi described her own learning process in being able to cope with both the frustrations and joys of working with the handicapped.

Richard LeDuc outlined the services and materials that are provided by the Department of State Library Services. DSLS can supply a variety of materials in large print editions, braille, talking books and cassettes. Mr. LeDuc described services that were available from various federal agencies direct to handicapped patrons. New technologies that will be made available in the next ten years were described.

Joan Carlson told of her work with the invisibly handicapped segment of the population--the deaf and hearing impaired. The impact of hearing loss on the development of learning skills was discussed in terms of Ms. Carlson's experience and through the words of her students. The entire program was enlightening and moving; pointing out how little the average person knows about the handicapped and how ill-equipped many people and institutions are in dealing with the special problems of our handicapped neighbors.



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Do You Measure Up? Standards for Rhode Island:  
A Conference Report  
by  
Frank Iacono

--Speakers: Fay Zipkowitz, Director, Department of State Library Services; Frank Iacono, Chair of DSLS Standards Committee; Bruce Daniels, Deputy Director of DSLS

Monday afternoon's program consisted of a progress report on the development of new public library standards for Rhode Island by the Department of State Library Services. Fay Zipkowitz, Director of DSLS, spoke briefly on the need for new standards and the role of DSLS in promulgating and enforcing reasonable and equitable standards aimed at insuring a basic level of effectiveness. Frank Iacono, Chair of the DSLS Standards Committee, next spoke on the process of formulating new standards and what the Committee has accomplished thus far. He noted that the Committee is in the process of finalizing the philosophical service statements that will constitute the preamble of the new standards and listed some of the specific topics that the standards will address. Following his comments, Bruce Daniels, Deputy Director at DSLS, talked about the review process regarding the new standards. He emphasized that considerable time will be devoted to soliciting and receiving response and reaction to the standards from all appropriate sources. Among the things specifically mentioned in this regard were regional hearings. The meeting concluded with an question and answer session.

RI/JMRT LIBRARY GUIDE

The GUIDE TO THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY COMMUNITY is now available from the Rhode Island Junior Members Round Table. Its 28 pages include a description of each library-related organization and resource center in Rhode Island as well as the major New England regional organizations; a guide to local initialisms, abbreviations, and acronyms; an index of Rhode Island library laws; and a listing of local job hotlines. Available for \$2.00 from:

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Something for Nothing? What's In It?  
For Whom? --A New Look at Volunteers:  
A Conference Report  
by  
Sharon Charette

-- Speaker: Alice Warner Sizer, Information Guild Librarian,  
writer, business woman and volunteer herself

The efficient and diplomatic utilization of volunteer workers in libraries was discussed by Ms. Sizer. Motivations for entering into volunteer work range from boredom to a sense of duty to the community. It is important to select volunteers carefully for particular tasks, bearing in mind the objectives of both the volunteer and the institution. Ms. Warner gave a basic demographic description of a typical volunteer, though she indicated that the pool of volunteers now is more diversified than ever before.

Ms. Sizer stressed that one of the most effective ways to manage volunteer programs is to treat the volunteer as a regular employee. Job interviews and applications, strict schedules, and yes, even dismissals should be handled in much the same way as for paid employees. The acceptance and training of volunteers by paid employees should be discussed before a program is undertaken. Ms. Sizer also stressed that a professional on the staff should be in charge of the program, rather than the library's director. This often helps towards a smoother relationship between employees and volunteers.

A variety of projects well-suited to volunteer groups was listed, as well as a variety of sources for information about volunteer programs. Ms. Sizer presented an informative program of common-sense advice on the effective utilization of volunteer workers.

NEW RILA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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Getting Clout: Local Politics and Lobbying for Librarians:  
A Conference Report  
by  
Deborah Barchi

--Gretchen Hammerstein, Director, Groton Public Library, Groton, Conn.

Libraries have traditionally been thought of as educational institutions with little or no power in the political arena, but Gretchen Hammerstein is convinced that librarians must develop political savvy if they hope to secure adequate funding for their libraries. Ms. Hammerstein stated that she thinks of herself not solely as an educator nor as a politician, but rather as an "educator of politicians". In this role, she keeps close ties with the press and continually makes as many personal contacts as possible with the people involved in local government -- mayor, town council members, budget director, secretaries, etc.

Whether we like it or not, libraries are considered by most local governments to be a "soft service", i.e., not a top priority in the total budget package and particularly susceptible to funding cuts. In her presentation, Ms. Hammerstein explained the many ways that librarians can work to convince those in the local political power structure that their library is an indispensable community resource which must be adequately funded.

As ever, the bad news is that it is getting harder and harder to obtain the funding we need to run our libraries well. However, the good news, according to Gretchen Hammerstein is that we needn't sit back and pout, because libraries and librarians do have clout.

CORRECTION

A line of text was omitted from Carol Hryciw's article, "Academic Catalog Librarians" in the November 1981 issue of the RILA Bulletin. The last line on page 11 should read: "...provision of bibliographic records, in whatever format required, but also must be involved in all stages of planning for provision of records which meet..."



The President's Speaker: A Conference Report  
by  
Deborah Barchi

--Speaker: R. Kathleen Molz, Ph.D.

Dr. Molz, Melvil Dewey Professor of Library Services at Columbia University, was the distinguished lecturer for the first "President's Speaker Program" of the Rhode Island Library Association. Her lecture, entitled "Library Legislation: Looking Ahead in Reagan's Administration" began with a summary of the history of government aid, beginning with the policies of Alexander Hamilton soon after the American Revolution. Nixon was cited as having first proposed block grants rather than the traditional distribution of categorical grants. Unlike categorical grant programs, block grant programs do not guarantee that every department will receive a share of federal money. Instead, distribution of federal funds is left to the discretion of each state which may result in some departments getting large slices of "federal pie" with other departments getting no pie at all.

According to Dr. Molz, President Reagan has effectively brought about the demise of categorical grant programs. It is predicted that there will continue to be drastic cuts in federal aid to education -- as high as 90% by 1984. Meanwhile, the Library Services and Construction Act is due to expire in 1982, although it may be extended for up to an additional three years, through 1985. ("And through the end of Reagan's Administration?" Dr. Molz mused aloud). It is possible that the LSCA could be replaced by a new act, the National Library Information and Services Act which, if passed, would focus on public library service, interlibrary loan on the state level, construction and new library programs for users with special needs, and library planning and development, including public relations. However, Dr. Molz questioned whether any new federal library act will be passed at all in the current political climate, and, indeed, whether libraries will survive as a separate entity in federal programs. When questioned, she noted that she was critical of the new proposed library act, feeling that it was too broad and not directed enough to library problems of the future, such as cable television and computer literacy.

Who will lobby for libraries -- the American Library Association or a coalition of education groups? Whoever takes the leadership in lobbying, Dr. Molz stressed the importance, particularly during the current administration, of reading as much as possible about libraries and the federal government and the continuing necessity of writing to elected officials to support library funding at all levels of government.

RILA RECEIVES AWARD

The Rhode Island Library Association has been awarded an International Year of the Disabled Persons Partnership Certificate for publishing a special issue devoted to library service to the disabled. This was the May 1981 issue of the Bulletin.





Curing Your ILLs: Interlibrary Loans--Automation,  
Personnel and Networking: A Conference Report  
by  
Mary Frances Cooper

--Speakers: Carolyn Waite, NELINET; Sylvia Krausse, Reference and ILL Librarian, University Library (URI); Matthew Higgins, R.I. Department of State Library Services; Christine S. Babcock (moderator), Naval War College Library

This program focused upon interlibrary loan as it is currently being practiced within the state of Rhode Island, and in New England as a whole, with a glimpse or two at what the future may bring. Christine Babcock served as moderator, introducing first Matthew Higgins of the Department of State Library Services. Mr. Higgins sketched briefly the hierarchical ILL arrangement now utilized in Rhode Island, then went on to discuss a study he conducted over a period of three months showing the percentages of ILL requests filled at the various levels of the hierarchy. He concluded by speaking of eventual decentralization of the system and perhaps even some cooperative buying.

Carolyn Waite of NELINET spoke next on the interlibrary loan subsystem of OCLC. Currently this is being revised to increase its usefulness to OCLC members. Ms. Waite detailed some of the changes being considered. She also mentioned that the ILL subsystem, now accessible only by libraries using the cataloging system, may soon be made separately available.

In the second half of the program, Christine Babcock of the Naval War College Library and Sylvia Krausse of URI discussed surveys they had each conducted of ILL staffing levels in various libraries. Ms. Babcock focused on Rhode Island, sending questionnaires to the CRIARL libraries, and among her findings was the fact that too many of the routine ILL functions are being handled by professionals. Ms. Krausse's study was aimed primarily at academic libraries throughout New England, and she too presented interesting results. She indicated that hers was a preliminary study, and that she hoped to expand it to include libraries throughout the country.



What's Up Doc? Popular Government Documents:  
A Conference Report  
by  
Carol Hryciw

--Speaker: Carol Watts, Depository Library Inspector, U.S. Government Printing Office

As an early morning speaker, Carol Watts, Depository Library Inspector at the U.S. Government Printing Office, was all that conference goers could have wished. She was enthusiastic, pleasantly amusing, and informative. It's a pity that her audience numbered so few (about 35 by my count), but those who attended appeared to be receptive and went away satisfied with their choice of session.

Beginning with comments on the basic function of the GPO -- to print and distribute materials in service to Congress and to the nation -- Carol noted a new facet of GPO activities, that of marketing information. Part of that activity involves targeting materials to very specific groups, such as school libraries or special libraries. GPO has always depended on libraries as a means of getting information to people. In the future, reliance on libraries will be even more necessary, since fewer and fewer publications will be available to people writing directly to GPO or to other government agencies. In fact, one of Carol's main points was that depository libraries should make sure of optimal use of their collection by exchanging materials and visiting each other's collections to determine what can be exchanged more fruitfully.

In keeping with the theme of her talk, Carol exhibited a selection of popular materials available from the Superintendent of Documents and ran through a list of GPO publications which should be available in any library serving the community. These publications ranged from the U.S. Government Manual to the U.S. Code to Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1957. In addition, she highlighted the importance of having patent information, documents on topics of the moment, such as those on disarmament and world military expenditures, statistical and other directories geared to particular segments of the community (such as directories of enrollment figures for academics) and acknowledged the great value of the whole gamut of periodical literature published by the federal government. Further, she pointed out the extremely useful microfiche publication which comes out bimonthly, called Publications Reference File, a Books in Print of everything for sale by the GPO.

Carol paused to solicit questions and pointed out the information available in the packets that were distributed to many in the audience, including an index of over 250 subject bibliographies listing publications on a single subject or field of interest (Subject Bibliography Index) and guidelines on "How to Use the Monthly Catalog Subject Index."

In closing, Carol related to us some of her impressions of various library collections, libraries and librarians that she has amassed in her travels as a GPO Depository Library Inspector over the years. All in all, it was a delightful ninety minutes, covering what could have been -- in less adroit hands -- a dry and unappealing topic. Hats off to Carol Watts and to the program's moderator, Judith Stokes!





Finding Rhode Island: A Conference Report  
by  
Dena Janson

--Speaker: Roger Parks, editor of Rhode Island Volume, former  
Director of Research and Publications, Old Sturbridge Village

Roger Parks explained the method and criteria he is using in the compilation of the Rhode Island volume for the Committee for a New England Bibliography. He has begun the project by examining material in the Rhode Island Historical Society Library. He next plans to visit the John Hay Library, Providence Public Library and the Redwood Athenaeum. The annotated bibliography will include books and articles related to local and state history. Genealogical and primary source material will not be included. The research for the bibliography must be completed by the end of 1982. It will be published by G.K. Hall.



"Libraries in the Pursuit of Happiness"--ALA's New  
Public Relations Film: A Conference Report  
by  
Elizabeth Rogers

We were given an opportunity to witness the use of film as a public relations device in viewing ALA's film. Unusual services offered by some libraries (a Toolmobile use of library facilities for childbirth and aerobic dance classes, puppet shows, etc.) were used to focus attention on the library.

There was a brief exploration of the library as a place for quiet or comfortable study and as a place to find a good book to read. The film is effective as a vehicle for stimulating curiosity on the viewer's part.

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## CALENDAR

January 13  
(1982)

Topic: Censorship  
Place: Westerly Public Library, Broad St., Westerly  
Time: Meeting at 10:00 am. Coffee at 9:30 am.

January 13  
(1982)

R.I. LIBRARY FILM COOPERATIVE (ISLAND REGION)  
Topic: Adult Films  
Place: Roger Williams College, Bristol  
Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Discussion and brown bag lunch 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm



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